



RECORD ENROLLMENT, NEW ELECTRONICS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT FALL TERM



A degree program in electronics engineering technology has been added to the College curriculum.

The College of Boca Raton's 1979-80 academic year opened September 5 with a flurry of excitement, new beginnings and just plain good news in practically every corner of the campus.

- Enrollment is up 18 percent, with more than 400 new freshmen starting out this year.
- A new electronics engineering technology degree program is now under way, with the enthusiastic support of the local business community.
- The College's financial position has never been stronger, thanks

to strong administrative controls, a growing number of gifts and increased enrollment.

- Gifts and contributions for the fiscal year just ended surpassed \$300,000, more than doubling last year's gifts.

In a period when many colleges across the nation are suffering from declining enrollment, the growth in CBR's student body is especially good news. This year's freshman class includes young men and women from public, private and parochial high schools in 25 states and 23 different foreign countries.

Though traditionally many freshmen change their area of concentration between opening day and graduation, Academic Dean James Matthews reports a fairly balanced spread of interest among business and liberal arts degree programs.

Special attention is being paid this fall to CBR's newest curriculum offering, the associate of science degree program in electronics engineering technology. This new program — CBR's first associate of science — was developed over the past nine months in cooperation with leading technological industries in Boca Raton and the rest of south Florida.

The two-year electronics course program is designed to train skilled workers in electronics engineering technology, thus helping to meet the employment needs of local businesses. With the rapid growth of electronics businesses in the area over the past few years, there has been a steadily increasing demand for skilled labor. Currently, electronic firms have to recruit workers from as far away as Atlanta, Chicago and the Northeast.

Similarly, young people graduating from area colleges haven't always been able to find work in some of the areas in which they've been trained. With CBR's new electronics engineering technology program, hopes are high that both situations will be relieved.

COLLEGE RECEIVES STRONG GIFT SUPPORT



Dr. Ross (center) receives a check from W. E. Tulley (left) and P. R. Timler (right) of Gulf Oil.

Alumni, friends, corporations and community supporters of the College of Boca Raton have demonstrated an impressive level of giving over the past months. More than \$300,000 in gifts and contributions was reported by Executive Vice President Gerald D. Carville for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1979.

Eugene M. Lynn, leading Boca Raton businessman and philanthropist, and his wife Mary presented College President Dr. Donald E. Ross with a check for \$100,000 this past winter. The funds gave a healthy boost to the College's ongoing capital campaign and will be used, Dr. Ross says, in the expansion of the College's academic, athletic and resi-

dential facilities.

The Lynns have been loyal supporters of the College for a number of years, and can frequently be seen on campus, at social events and as informal advisors. Mr. Lynn is president and director of the Lynn Insurance Group, including eight insurance and underwriting companies.

Major businesses and corporations have also been fine supporters of the College during recent months. This summer IBM Corporation donated \$15,000, specially earmarked for the purchase of equipment for the College's new electronics engineering technology degree program. Motorola, Inc., another top electronics firm active in south Florida, donated

\$1,000 for the program, and Siemens Corp., a West German electronics firm with a branch in Boca Raton, donated \$1,500.

An unrestricted grant of \$5,000 was received from the Gulf Oil Foundation, presented this spring to Dr. Ross by W. E. Tulley, Gulf retail sales supervisor and P. R. Timler, retail marketer. The grant is part of Gulf's Aid to Education Program, which distributes grants to a variety of colleges and universities in the U.S.

Yet another gift, not funds but extensive and valuable photographic equipment, was also presented to the College this past season. Dr. Jack Savran of Boca Raton, a retired surgeon and photographer of note, donated a vast array of color and black and white photographic equipment which, according to photography instructor Bob Curran, "will give us one of the best teaching studios in the state."

President Ross, who continues to downplay his own enormous efforts and contributions to the College's capital program, is effusive in his praise of the growing number of donors and friends.

"The success of the College in this community, and on a national level, is directly related to the fine support individuals and businesses have shown," he says. "We're absolutely committed to using their gifts as effectively as we possibly can to make the College of Boca Raton a stronger and fine educational institution."

ALUMNI PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD — 129 GRADS JOIN THE RANKS

The transition from student to alumnus happens as quickly and as smoothly as the passing of a diploma from one hand to another. While two years of life as a student sometimes may seem to take forever, by graduation day, the time seems to have flown.

One hundred twenty-nine graduates joined the rolls of CBR alumni at the College's 16th annual commencement exercises this past May 19th, and plans are already under way to involve the latest grads in alumni activities now being planned.

At commencement, President Donald Ross awarded diplomas to 11 four-year students receiving bachelors' degrees in liberal arts and business, and 118 two-year associate of arts degrees in the two academic areas.

Featured commencement speaker was professional football player Tim Foley, member of the NFL Miami Dolphins football team and recognized last year as Pro Athlete of the Year by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Foley, widely recognized for his work with young people in football, music and Christian fellowship, is a well-known face on campus, having spoken on more than one occasion, and friend of both faculty and student body.

A special award — a solid gold medal of the College seal — was presented by Dr. Ross to Eugene and Mary Lynn, in recognition of their continuing support of the College.

Gregory J. Malfitano, 1973 CBR graduate and presently director of campus management and director of alumni affairs, is busily at work structuring a formal alumni relations program, which will eventually include an information network for graduates, career assistance and contacts, fund-raising, and special services and events for alumni and College friends.

The latter — special events — are already well under way, with CBR's second combined homecoming/parents' weekend scheduled to take place February 16-18, 1980. This past February was the first time the traditional parents' weekend was tied to an alumni reunion, and the event was so popular, there were just no doubts about its continuation.

The weekend event included special breakfast and luncheon festivities, sports, swimming, sightseeing and a lot of talking and catching up on friends' activities and accomplishments.

In preparation for the first homecoming/parents' weekend, Malfitano, Lori Matthews and Carol Wershoven (CBR '68) spent countless hours putting together mailing lists and questionnaires surveying the whereabouts and activities of our 3,500 CBR grads.

Malfitano says that detailed responses were received from about 250 alumni, giving information about continuing education, careers, marriages, children, organizational memberships and

other pursuits since graduation.

A large number of alumni have continued their education at four-year colleges; several have proceeded to obtain graduate degrees.

Among the professions, teaching is particularly popular with CBR graduates heading classrooms on all levels, from elementary school to college. Some graduates have entered specialized fields, as teachers of deaf or retarded children, in speech pathology or nursery schools.

More than a dozen graduates are pursuing airline careers, and banking is another popular field.

But, Malfitano says, it's hard to generalize about career directions. Looking over a list of professional affiliations, one finds a wide variety of fields: nursing, horse breeding, radio news production, farm management, psychology, veterinary medicine, even pro tennis.

Survey forms will be sent soon to 1979 graduates, Malfitano says, and the alumni office is making a special effort to maintain the friendships formed during graduates' years on campus.



Enjoying last year's homecoming festivities were (left to right) Greg Malfitano '73, Jim Chambers '74 and Pat Winburn '75.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AT 102

FALL TERM

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The High School at the College of Boca Raton, Trinity Academy, reached a record enrollment this fall, with 102 students in grades 9 through 12. Under a recent reorganization program, the High School is now under the direct administration of the College's Office of Academic Affairs, and is headed by Sister Marie Fidelis Remski, IHM, Associate Academic Dean.

Plans are currently under way for the design and construction of a new academic facility to house the High School on campus and, according to President Donald Ross, fund-raising is progressing well.

The High School, established in 1975, is a co-educational private academy for day and boarding students. It features a special dual enrollment program permitting certain students to take college level courses while in their senior year, thus permitting them to

achieve advanced standing when they graduate and enroll in college.

STAY IN TOUCH!

Graduation means leaving the campus and going off into the world ... but it doesn't mean disappearing entirely. Alumni Director Greg Malfitano says several hundred CBR grads have moved or traveled leaving behind no forwarding address. Please keep us current on your mailing address, and if you know of any alumni who are not receiving our mailings, please help us find their addresses, too. Thanks!

A blue-ribbon career advisory board was named early in 1979, and its members have played an active role in developing the new degree curriculum. Included on the board are top executives from many of the areas' leading businesses: **Jerry Avery**, director of operations, ITT North Electric Co. — Microsystems; **James Bauer**, administrative manager, Sensor-matic Electronics Corp.; **James T. Bolan**, chairman, CBR Advisory Board; **Howard L. Davidson**, general manager, IBM — Boca Raton; **Robert Durance**, general manager, Mitel, Inc.; **Avery Fonda**, president, First Bank and Trust Company of Boca Raton; **Ronald M. Lowery**, vice president, Siemens Corp.; **Edmund V. Marshall**, president, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft — West Palm Beach; **Richard W. Miller**, executive vice president, Arvida Corp.; and **Morton L. Topfer**, vice president, Motorola, Inc.

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